AMENDMENT

Offered by M_..

At the appropriate place in the title, insert the following:

	1 SEC	C CERTIFICATION OF LOWERING DRUG PRICES
,-	2	REQUIRED. Sense of congress
It is the sense of congress	³ /	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
sense of	that	(1) Total annual drug spending in the United
congress	5	States is projected to reach more than
	6	\$500,000,000,000 by 2018.
	7	(2) One out of five individuals in the United
	8	States between the ages of 19 and 64 cannot afford
	9	to fill their prescriptions.
	10	(3) Spending on prescription drugs in the
	11	United States grew by 12 percent in 2014, faster
	12	than any year since 2002.
	13	(4) Medicare part D drug spending was
	14	\$90,000,000,000 in 2015, and is expected to in-
	15	crease to \$216,000,000,000 by 2025.
	16	(5) Medicare part B drug spending also more
	17	than doubled between 2005 and 2015, increasing
	18	from \$9,000,000,000 in 2005 to \$22,000,000,000 in
	19	2015.

1	(6) In 2014, prescription drug spending under
2	the Medicaid program increased by 24 percent.
3	(7) During the presidential campaign of 2016,
4	the President said "When it comes time to negotiate
5	the cost of drugs, we're going to negotiate like crazy,
6	folks" and his campaign website said that "allowing
7	consumers access to imported, safe and dependable
8	drugs from overseas will bring more options to con-
9	sumers".
10	(8) After being elected, the President said, "I'm
11	going to bring down drug prices. I don't like what's
12	happened with drug prices.".
13	(9) On January 11, 2017, the President said
14	"We have to create new bidding procedures for the
15	drug industry, because they are getting away with
16	murder.''.
17	(b) Certification.—None of the provisions in this
18	title or the amendments made by such provisions shall be
19	effective unless and until the date on which the Secretary
20	of Health and Human Services submits to Congress a cer-
21	tification that such provisions (or such amendments)
22	would, as promised by the President and as estimated by
23	the Congressional Budget Office, lower the cost of pre-
24	scription drug prices for consumers.